

Editorial

An expression of appreciation

One year has passed since we appointed the editorial review board for this journal. The members of this board of reviewers have met our expectations in every way, and the amount of time and conscientious attention they have given to their role has truly been admirable. This editor and the *Journal* staff believe it is appropriate and right to thank them formally for their valuable contributions towards improving the quality of this publication. Their devotion has not gone unnoticed.

Manuscript review is a tedious, time consuming, and, sometimes, tiresome task. It requires, among other things, attention to minor but necessary details, a scholarly knowledge of the subject, proficiency in language, and a critical eye for composition and organization. In the lives of busy people, such as those appointed to our board, serving as an efficient referee, becomes an addition to the burdensome scholarly expectations required by the institutions in which they have an appointment.

It has been our experience this year that the comments of the reviewers have proved to be incisive and extremely useful, and they have served to sharpen and focus the articles we have published. In addition, the reviewers have made it possible for the editor to make difficult decisions relative to the acceptance or rejection of the many articles submitted to this journal.

It might be appropriate for persons whose articles are published to be reminded that in addition to noting the editor's scrutiny, there are others to whom they might be deeply appreciative for taking time to focus, clarify, or refine their articles.

The editor and the *Journal* board publicly thank the reviewers for their scholarly contribution to this journal.

While we have been impressed and flattered by the cooperation and assistance of our review board, we continue to rely on the members of the Faculty of Education as third and fourth reviewers. This is especially the case when we feel an additional opinion would be helpful. The Faculty reviewers deserve a good measure of recognition and appreciation for their insights and expertise in matters of review.

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